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FURTHER REFERENCE TO CAPTAIN NIKITIN (1943)

From: WASHINGTON

To: MOSCOW

No: 1310

16 June 43

To: [Name No. 18] [1]

The large submarine chasers [BO] have been organised as follows:

The division [DIVIZION] comprises two detachments [OTREKAD] of six vessels [KATER] each, the detachments being divided into two groups of three vessels each.

The Acting Commander of the Division is Captain (2nd Rank) NIKITIN. [ii] The Deputy Commander of the Division is Captain-Lieutenant ERMAChENKO. The Divisional Engineer [MEKHANIK] is Captain-Lieutenant SAMOJLOV. The Administrative and Supply Officer [OLYA PORUCHENIJ I KHOZYAJSTVENNOJ SLUZHBY] is Junior Lieutenant EL'TSOV. [iii]

The Commander of the 1st Detachment and vessel is Senior Lieutenant KURSKIJ. His deputy is Senior Lieutenant SIFONOV. The Chief Engineer is Senior Lieutenant PANTELEEV. The Medical Officer is Senior Lieutenant of the Medical Service KANDYB...

[49 groups unrecoverable]

vessels. With them please send twelve copies of each of the following: International code [3-6 letters unrecovered], three-flag, two-flag, [7-14 letters unrecovered] ship's logs [VAKHTENNYJ ZHURNAL], and navigational logs.

No. 423

AKULIN [iv]

To: [Name No. 18]

The cast and drawing [a] for ANDREEV's [v] artificial leg have been received. The artificial limb will [or be ordered] in the near future.

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Note: [a] 'drawing' or 'drawings'.

Comments: [i] Name No. 18 : Unidentified.

[ii] NIKITIN : It is not clear if this is the NIKITIN involved in the "SALLY" case.

[iii] EL'TSOV : This is presumably D. I. EL'TSOV who is mentioned in several [REDACTED] messages, and was associated with Soviet Naval personnel taking over ships.

[iv] AKULIN : Vice-Admiral M. I. AKULIN, deputy chairman of the SGPC in WASHINGTON.

[v] ANDREEV : Not known. This case is comparable with the order for artificial limbs for Admiral ISAKOV, Chief of Naval General Staff, which was discussed in MOSCOW's [REDACTED] No. 763 of 1st May 1943 and WASHINGTON's [REDACTED] No. 105 of 15th May 1943 - neither have been published.

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